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LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS TODAY ADVISED THAT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER REQUESTED A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DETERMINE GROUND RULES FOR PROCEDURES WHEN TRIAL STARTS JANUARY SEVEN NEXT. AT THAT TIME COOPER ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A MOTION TO HAVE ONE JURY DETERMINE GUILT OR INNOCENCE; A SEPARATE JURY TO DETERMINE PENALTY AND A MOTION TO VACATE THE COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN STATING THAT THE GRAND JURY AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS IS IMPROPERLY PANELED.

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JUDGE WALKER REFUSED TO HEAR THESE MOTIONS TODAY STATING THAT IT WOULD BE TAKEN UP PRIOR TO SELECTION OF A JURY.

GRANT B. COOPER ONE OF THREE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING SIRHAN APPEARED IN USDC, LOS ANGELES TODAY BEFORE USDJ FRANCIS WHELAN WITH RESPECT TO HIS ~~INVOLVEMENT IN~~ *INVOLVEMENT IN* ~~ALLEGATION OF NOT~~ *RECEIVING* OBTAINING FGJ TRANSCRIPTS OF RECENTLY COMPLETED FRIARS CLUB PROSECUTION.

BUREAU HAS BEEN KEPT ADVISED OF THESE PROCEEDINGS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS.

AS OF FOUR FIFTEEN P.M. PST, JANUARY SIX INSTANT, TRIAL OF SIRHAN TO COMMENCE *(AS)* PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO THE BUREAU ON JANUARY SEVEN NEXT AT NINE THIRTY A.M. PST.

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REMYTEL ONE SIX LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN COMMENCED TODAY, DEPARTMENT
ONE ZERO SEVEN, LA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. DEFENSE
ATTORNEYS FOR SIRHAN MADE MOTIONS TO COURT MENTIONED IN
RETEL. JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER ^{*Recessed*} ~~PRECEDING~~ UNTIL ONE EIGHT
NEXT FOR PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A MOTION WHICH DEFENSE
HAS MADE CONCERNING SELECTION OF PETIT JURY MEMBERS.

GRANT B. COOPER, ONE OF ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING SIRHAN,
APPEARED IN USDC, LA, TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION
REGARDING SCRIBE REPORTING CASE. BUREAU HAS BEEN ADVISED
SEPARATELY OF ACTIVITIES IN USDC.

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REMYTEL ONE SEVEN LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN RECONVENED AT TWO PM TODAY,
DEPARTMENT ONE ZERO SEVEN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR
COURT. DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER AGAIN DISCUSSED
HIS DESIRES FOR A SEPARATE JURY TO DECIDE GUILT OR
INNOCENCE AND SEPARATE JURY TO DECIDE DEGREE OF PENALTY.
IN ADDITION, COOPER ATTACKED CURRENT SYSTEM OF SELECTING
PETIT JURY AND GRAND JURY MEMBERS.

JURY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM A. GOODWIN, LOS ANGELES
SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM, TESTIFIED AS TO MECHANICS OF
SELECTING PETIT JURY MEMBERS. COOPER AGAIN RENEWED
MOTION FOR THIRTY DAY DELAY, WHICH MOTION WAS DENIED BY COURT.

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PROCEEDINGS ADJOINED AT THREE TEN PM TO PERMIT
ATTORNEYS TO DISCUSS FURTHER PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE'S
CHAMBERS. IT IS ANTICIPATED SELECTION OF JURY WILL
PROBABLY COMMENCE ONE THIRTEEN SIXTY NINE. COURT TO
RECONVENE NINE THIRTY AM ONE NINE NEXT.

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REMYTEL JANUARY EIGHT LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN RECONVENED TODAY AT WHICH TIME DEFENSE ADVISED COURT IT DESIRED TO PRESENT ARGUMENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR OBJECTION TO ^{the} SELECTION ^{of} PETIT JURY. INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO COURT FOR CONSIDERATION CONSISTS OF ONE THOUSAND TEN PAGES. COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL NINE THIRTY AM JANUARY THIRTEEN NEXT, TO AFFORD DEFENSE OPPORTUNITY TO DELINEATE THOSE POINTS IT INTENDS TO UTILIZE; TO ENABLE PROSECUTION TO FORMULATE OBJECTIONS; AND TO ENABLE COURT TO STUDY ~~THE~~ ARGUMENTS SUBMITTED.

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TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN RECONVENED TODAY AND COMMENCED WITH PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS. FOLLOWING CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS ACTIVITIES TO SELECT JURY COMMENCED WHICH TOOK UP REMAINDER OF DAY AND NO JUROR SEATED WHEN COURT ADJOURNED. PRIOR TO ACTIVITIES TOWARDS SELECTING JURY, JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER DENIED DEFENSE MOTION PREVIOUSLY MADE TO TEST UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF SELECTING PETIT JURY.

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REMYTEL DATED JANUARY THIRTEEN, LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
 SUPERIOR COURT, CONTINUED TODAY. ATTORNEYS FOR PROSECUTION
 AND DEFENSE CONTINUED EXAMINING PROSPECTIVE JURORS. QUESTION-
 ING ON PART OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS CENTERS AROUND PROSPECTIVE
 JURORS OPINIONS REGARDING SCIENCE OF ^{psychology} ~~PHILOSOPHY~~ AND PSYCHIATRY
 AND THEIR FEELINGS FOR "TOOLS" USED IN THOSE PROFESSIONS SUCH
 AS HYPNOSIS, SODIUM PENTOTHAL, RORSCHACH TESTS, ETC. PRO-
 SPECTIVE JURORS ALSO CLOSELY QUESTIONED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS
 REGARDING THEIR ABILITY TO DETERMINE LEGALITY ^{of} ~~of~~ REDUCED AWARE-
 NESS DEFENSE, WHICH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO
 PURSUE.

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~~PREVIOUS~~ PANEL OF TWENTY FIVE PROSPECTIVE JURORS
EXHAUSTED ^{IN} ~~AND~~ PROCEEDINGS DURING AFTERNOON SESSION TODAY, *there was*
~~INCLUDED~~ SELECTION OF FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL PROSPECTIVE JURORS:
TO THIS DATE, NO JUROR HAS BEEN SEATED AS JURY MEMBER. ALL
PROSPECTIVE JURORS THUS FAR ELIMINATED HAVE BEEN FOR CAUSE,
PERSONAL SITUATIONS, OR POSSIBLE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP.

ONE ASPECT OF EXAMINATION OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS
CENTERS AROUND THEIR APPARENT FEELINGS CONCERNING CASE
AS BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION BY VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA SINCE
ASSASSINATION. EACH INDIVIDUAL JUROR IS EXAMINED IN
CHAMBERS BY ATTORNEYS, NOT IN OPEN COURT WITH RESPECT *Publicity*
~~PUBLIC~~ MAY HAVE HAD UPON EACH OF THEM.

PROCEDURE IN DAILY COURT SESSIONS COMMENCES WITH
COURT CONVENING AT NINE THIRTY A.M. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER,
APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE MINUTES ~~ARE~~ SPENT IN JUDGES CHAMBERS
WITH ATTORNEYS FOR PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE PRESENT. FURTHER
PROCEEDINGS ~~THEM~~ CONTINUE IN OPEN COURT UNTIL NOON, WHEN THE
LUNCH RECESS IS TAKEN. HERBERT V. WALKER, PRESIDING JUDGE,
GRANTED BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE TO MEMBERS OF NEWS MEDIA WHO
HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO INTERVIEW HIM REGARDING CASE. HE HAS

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PREVIOUSLY STATED ~~THAT~~ TIME WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO
GRANT ALL INTERVIEWS REQUESTED, ~~AND~~ HE PROPOSES TO DO SO
ON BASIS OF TIME AVAILABLE.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED JANUARY FIFTEEN, LAST.

SIRHAN TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY AND EFFORTS BY DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS STILL BEING DIRECTED TOWARDS SELECTING JURY.

AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS, TWELVE PROSPECTIVE JURORS HAVE BEEN SEATED. OF THE TWELVE, ONE, ALVINA ALVIDREZ, WHILE SEATED TENTATIVELY HAS NOT BEEN RULED UPON ^{FOR} CAUSE. DEFENSE DESIRES TO RETAIN HER AS JUROR WHILE PROSECUTION WISHES TO HAVE HER DISMISSED FOR CAUSE. HERBERT V. WALKER, PRESIDING JUDGE IS TAKING MATTER UNDER FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND WILL POSSIBLY RULE, REGARDING ALVIDREZ, JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NEXT.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THERE WILL BE NO TRIAL ACTIVITY ON JANUARY TWENTY, NEXT, SINCE DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER

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IS SCHEDULED FOR APPEARANCE IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT, LOS ANGELES,
WITH RESPECT TO ACTIVITY ATTENDANT TO RECENTLY COMPLETED FRIARS
CLUB PROSECUTION.

LOS ANGELES WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED JANUARY SIXTEEN, LAST.
ACTIVITY IN SIRHAN TRIAL, LOS ANGELES, COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CONTINUED TODAY WITH EFFORTS ON PART OF BOTH DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION DIRECTED TOWARD SELECTING JURY. AT CLOSE OF COURT TODAY, TWELVE PROSPECTIVE JURORS SELECTED.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY, GRANT B. COOPER, REQUESTED ADJOURNMENT ON JANUARY TWENTY, ~~NEXT~~, NEXT, AND GAVE AS REASON DEFENSE DESIRES TO CONSIDER JURY AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED PRIOR TO EXERCISING PREEMPTORY DISMISSALS.

IN ADDITION, COOPER IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR, U. S. DISTRICT COURT, JANUARY TWENTY, NEXT, IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES ATTENDANT TO RECENTLY COMPLETED FRIAR'S CLUB CONVICTIONS.

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SINCE NO SIRHAN TRIAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY
TWENTY, NEXT, NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THAT DATE.

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RE MY ~~TELETYPE~~ DATED JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

PROCEEDINGS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT IN
TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN RECONVINED TODAY. ENTIRE
DAY SPENT IN MECHANICS OF CONTINUING TO SELECT JURY.

ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST PROSECUTION ADVISED COURT
THEY WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT JURY AS THEN CONSTITUTED.
TODAY, HOWEVER, ONE OF THE TENTATIVE JUROR MEMBERS SEATED
JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST WAS DISMISSED. PROSECUTION THEN
ENTERED MOTION TO WITHDRAW THEIR MOTION OF JANUARY SEVENTEEN
LAST, WHICH WAS GRANTED BY COURT. THUS FAR PROSECUTION HAS
EXERCISED ^{ONE} ~~TWO~~ ^{PREEMPTORY} CHALLENGES AND ^{Defense} ~~PROSECUTION~~ HAS
^{two} EXERCISED ~~ONE~~ SUCH CHALLENGES

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FURTHER PROCEEDINGS TOWARDS SELECTING JURY TO CONTINUE
JANUARY TWENTY-TWO NEXT.

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RE ^{*LA*} ~~BY~~ TEL JANUARY TWENTY ONE LAST.

PROCEEDINGS IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT CONTINUED AGAIN TODAY. EFFORTS DURING
ENTIRE DAY CONSISTED OF ATTEMPTS TO SEAT JURY. AS OF
CLOSE OF COURT TODAY, JURY NOT YET SELECTED. FURTHER
ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE JANUARY TWENTY THREE NEXT.

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REMYTEL, JANUARY TWENTY TWO LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN SIRHAN TRIAL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CONTINUED TODAY WITH EFFORTS ON PART OF BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE DIRECTED AT SELECTING JURY?

IT WAS CONFIDENTIALLY LEARNED TODAY THAT, WHEN EACH PROSPECTIVE JUROR IS EXAMINED IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS, AS OPPOSED TO OPEN COURT, THEY ARE ASKED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WHETHER THEY KNOW ANYONE WHO WAS PRESENT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR AND FIVE LAST. ~~THEY~~ ALSO ASKED IF ANY PUBLICITY COMING TO THEIR ATTENTION REGARDING DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER'S INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT PRIARS CLUB INVESTIGATION HAS PREJUDICED THEM IN ANY MANNER.

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OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE BUREAU, THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND A JUSTICE OF THE URUGUAY SUPREME COURT WERE PRESENT
IN COURT TODAY DURING PROCEEDINGS.

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~~RECEIVED~~ JANUARY TWENTY THREE LAST.

DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION AGREED ON JURY TODAY. CASE
CONTINUED TO JANUARY TWENTY NINE NEXT IN ORDER TO RULE ON
VARIOUS DEFENSE MOTIONS. JURY INSTRUCTED TO RETURN JANUARY
THIRTY NEXT.

NO FURTHER TELETYPES CONCERNING TRIAL WILL BE SENT UNTIL
JANUARY TWENTY NINE NEXT.

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REMYTEL JANUARY TWENTY FOUR LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN SIRHAN TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY AND CONSISTED OF EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE TO DISCREDIT GRAND JURY INDICTMENT OF SIRHAN. DEFENSE MAINTAINS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYSTEM OF SELECTING GRAND JURORS AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN THAT JURORS SELECTED FOR GRAND JURY DUTY DO NOT CONSIST CROSS SECTION OF COMMUNITY.

SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES ALONG WITH QUESTIONNAIRES TO OBTAIN EXPLANATIONS FOR ~~SELECTED~~ ^{SELECTING} GRAND JURY MEMBERS. JUDGES RECEIVING SAME WILL HAVE OPTION TO TESTIFY IN COURT OR COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRES.

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JOHN HOWARD, ONE OF THREE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS PROSECUTING SIRHAN, ADVISED FOREGOING EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE AND OBJECTIONS BY PROSECUTION WILL PROBABLY TAKE UP REMAINDER OF THIS WEEK. ~~FOREGOING~~ ^{The} ACTIVITIES WHILE IN OPEN COURT WAS NOT IN PRESENCE OF TWELVE JURY MEMBERS SELECTED. IT IS EXCEPTED ~~THAT~~ AFTER ~~FOREGOING~~ ^{the} GRAND JURY ISSUE IS RESOLVED, PRESENT JURY WILL BE SWORN IN AND SIX ALTERNATE JURORS WILL ~~THEN~~ BE SELECTED. ~~FURTHER~~ ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THIS ASPECT ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~THESE~~ PROCEEDINGS^s TO CONTINUE TOMORROW.

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ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. EFFORTS ON PART OF
DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AGAIN DIRECTED AT ATTEMPTS TO QUASH
GRAND JURY INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST SIRHAN. THREE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES APPEARED AND
GAVE TESTIMONY REGARDING PROCEDURES THEY ADHERE TO IN
~~selecting~~ *REGARDING* INDIVIDUALS FOR SERVICE WITH GRAND JURY.
TESTIMONY OF JUDGES ALSO INCLUDED *STATEMENTS REGARDING* OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES
OF GRAND ~~JURY~~ *JURY* MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

TWELVE MEMBERS SELECTED FOR JURY WERE EXCUSED BY
COURT TODAY AND ORDERED TO RETURN ON FEBRUARY FIVE NEXT.

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WILL CONTINUE ON FEBRUARY FOUR NEXT. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING,
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RE MY TELETYPE DATED JANUARY THIRTY-ONE LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY AT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. ACTIVITIES CONSISTED
OF EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE TO SUPPORT THEIR MOTION
FOR DISMISSAL OF GRAND JURY INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN.
THOSE EFFORTS CONSISTED OF TESTIMONY ON PART OF SIRHAN
AND MOTHER, MARY SIRHAN, BOTH OF WHOM TESTIFIED AS TO
THEIR ECONOMIC STATUS.

AFTER HEARING TESTIMONY, JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER
DENIED DEFENSE MOTION.

FURTHER ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY FIVE NEXT
WHEN TWELVE JURORS ALREADY SELECTED WILL BE SWORN

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IN AND EFFORTS WILL COMMENCE TO SELECT SIX ALTERNATE
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PROCEEDINGS CONTINUED ~~AMERICAN~~ TODAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION TO SELECT SIX ALTERNATE JURORS TO SERVE.

TWELVE JURORS PREVIOUSLY SEATED WERE SWORN IN BUT WILL NOT BE SEQUESTED UNTIL SIX ALTERNATES ARE SELECTED. ESTIMATES ON PART OF DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS IS THAT ALTERNATES WILL NOT BE SELECTED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY TWELVE NEXT.

HAROLD FREDIANI, COORDINATOR FOR LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM, ADVISED IN EXTREME CONFIDENCE THAT YURI ZHUKOV AND BORIS OREKHOV WILL VISIT TRIAL ACTIVITIES TEN A.M. FEBRUARY SEVEN NEXT. ZHUKOV IS MEMBER OF SUPREME SOVIET AND POLITICAL

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COMMENTATOR FOR PRAVDA. OREKHOV IS CHARACTERIZED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT, STATIONED IN NEW YORK AND AFFILIATED WITH PRAVDA. BOTH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT GIBSON, FOREIGN EDITOR FOR LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER, WHO WILL BE SERVING AS THEIR GUIDE WHILE THEY ARE IN LOS ANGELES. REPRESENTATIVE OF LOS ANGELES TIMES, ACCORDING TO FREDIANI, HAVE REQUESTED THAT NO INFORMATION CONCERNING AFOREGOING BE FURNISHED TO ANYONE SINCE RUSSIANS DESIROUS OF RECEIVING NO PRESS ATTENTION.

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REMYTEL DATED FEBRUARY FIVE LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TODAY CONSISTED OF FURTHER EFFORTS TO SEAT SIX PROSPECTIVE ALTERNATE JURORS. THOSE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE AGAIN TOMORROW.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HERBERT B. WALKER, PRESIDING, ANNOUNCED IN OPEN COURT THAT JURORS WILL BE SEQUESTERED IN THE BILTMORE HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, WHEN TRIAL COMMENCES.

HAROLD FREDIANI, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, COORDINATOR, AGAIN ADVISED IN EXTREME CONFIDENCE THAT ROBERT GIBSON, LOS ANGELES TIMES, FOREIGN EDITOR, WILL NOT ACCOMPANY GEORGIY ZHUKOV AND BORIS OREKHOV, MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE TO COURT ON FEBRUARY SEVEN NEXT. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM J. FOX, PRESUMABLY AFFILIATED WITH

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LOS ANGELES TIMES. ACCORDING TO FREDIANI, JUDGE WALKER WILL PROBABLY MEET PERSONALLY WITH RUSSIANS. FREDIANI WAS FURNISHED, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, INFORMATION REGARDING SEATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ABOVE THREE MEN.

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REMYTELS FEBRUARY FIVE AND SIX LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY
WITH EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD SELECTING SIX ALTERNATE
JURORS.

BORIS OREKHOV MENTIONED IN RE TEL OF FEBRUARY FIVE,
LAST, WAS PRESENT IN COURT DURING MORNING SESSION, ACCOMPANIED
BY A WILLIAM J. FOX, LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER. GEORGIY
ZHUKOV NOT PRESENT IN COURT.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY
IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. EFFORTS STILL
BEING DIRECTED TO SELECTING SIX ALTERNATE JURORS.

ON FEBRUARY ELEVEN NEXT LOS ANGELES POLICE
DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WILL DELIVER TO COURT ROOM, UPON
COMPLETION, OF 20 DAYS ACTIVITIES, MOCK-UP OF AMBASSADOR
HOTEL AREA. MOCK-UP TO BE USED, PRESUMABLY, FEBRUARY
THIRTEEN NEXT, WHEN IT IS ANTICIPATED TESTIMONY^{NY} OF
WITNESSES WILL COMMENCE.

FOR THE EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF
THE BUREAU, DEPUTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JOHN HOWARD, ONE OF THREE PROSECUTORS, TODAY CONFIDENTIALLY

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ADVISED THAT THE NEW MEDIA IS PLAYING UP A "MYSTERY" DEVELOPMENT IN THE SIRHAN CASE. THIS PERTAINS TO AN APPROACH MADE BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY EVELLE YOUNGER AND HIS PROSECUTIVE STAFF TO PRESIDING JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER. APPROACH BY YOUNGER WAS REQUESTED FOR ~~THE~~ JUDGE TO CONSIDER PERMITTING SIRHAND TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE MURDER WITH A GUARANTEED LIFE SENTENCE. JUDGE WALKER ABSOLUTELY AND ADAMANTLY DECLINED TO PERMIT SUCH A PLEA. HOWARD, IN STRESSING THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOREGOING, EXPLAINED THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED TO ANY ~~OTHER~~ SOURCE OTHER THAN THE BUREAU. HOWARD ALSO OF OPINION THERE REMAINS POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ABOVE APPROACH SINCE PROSECUTION HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND PSYCHIATRIC REPORTS CONDUCTED ON SIRHAN BY PROSECUTION MEDICAL STAFF. THESE REPORTS INDICATE SIRHAND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE A GOOD

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DEFENSE, HENCE THE APPROACH BY YOUNGER AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

IN FURNISHING FOREGOING, HOWARD REQUESTED AND REITERATED IT NOT BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE OF BUREAU, AND ONLY WITH THOSE OFFICIALS OF THE FBI ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS. HE ADVISED THAT THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT AS YET BEEN INFORMED OF THIS INFORMATION.

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RE ~~LA~~ TEL FEBRUARY TEN LAST.

~~ACTIVITIES~~ TRIAL OF SIRHAN TODAY RESULTED IN
COMPLETION OF SELECTION OF SIX ALTERNATE JURORS. FURTHER
ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY THIRTEEN NEXT, WHEN
OPENING ARGUMENTS WILL COMMENCE.

NO TEL TO BE SUBMITTED FEBRUARY TWELVE NEXT, SINCE
COURT WILL NOT BE IN SESSION DUE TO LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY. P

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL FEBRUARY ELEVEN LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY WHEN DEFENSE ATTORNEY
GRANT B. COOPER MADE MOTION FOR MISTRIAL BASED ON RECENT NEWS
MEDIA ARTICLES AND BROADCASTS SUGGESTING SIRHAN MIGHT BE
CONSIDERING CHANGE OF PLEA TO GUILTY. AFTER DEFENSE SUBMITTED
EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION, PROSECUTION ATTORNEY LYNN B.
COMPTON OPPOSED MOTION.

ALL MEMBERS OF JURY, INCLUDING SIX ALTERNATES, EXAMINED
INDIVIDUALLY IN CHAMBERS RELATIVE TO EFFECT PUBLICITY HAD
ON THEM. FOLLOWING EXAMINATION OF JURORS, JUDGE HERBERT V.
WALKER DENIED MOTION FOR MISTRIAL.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS
MADE OPENING STATEMENTS TO JURY AND COURT RECESSED UNTIL
NINE THIRTY A.M. FEBRUARY FOURTEEN NEXT WHEN IT IS EXPECTED
THAT DEFENSE ATTORNEY EMIL ZOLA BERMAN WILL MAKE OPENING
STATEMENTS TO JURY ON BEHALF OF SIRHAN.

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REMYTEL DATED FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST.

TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY EMILE
ZOLA BERMAN PRESENTING OPENING DEFENSE ARGUEMENTS.BERMAN TOUCHED ON SIRHAN'S CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AND
AN ACCIDENT OF FALLING FROM A HORSE IN NINETEEN SIXTY
SIX. THE FIRST WITNESS WAS LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER WHO TESTIFIED TO CONSTRUCTION OF MOCK UP OF
AMBASSADOR HOTEL AREA WHERE KENNEDY WAS ASSINATED.FOUR OTHER PROSECUTION WITNESSES WHO WERE HOTEL
EMPLOYEES TESTIFIED FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION CONCERNING
SHOOTING OF KENNEDY.

TRIAL TO BE CONTINUED FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN NEXT.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY FOURTEEN LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT AND CONSISTED OF TESTIMONY BY WITNESSES WHO
ARE MEMBERS OF KENNEDY OFFICIAL ENTOURAGE, AND WHO WERE
PRESENT WHEN SIRHAN SHOT THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY. TRIAL
TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NEXT WITH PROSECUTION WITNESSES
WHO WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY CONCERNING EVENTS SURROUNDING
SHOOTING. - P -

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TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY WITH THREE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES
TO SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL.

LOCAL PRESS REFERRED TO FIRST WITNESS VALERIE SCHULTE
AS GIRL IN POLKA DOT DRESS. SCHULTE DISPLAYED GREEN DRESS WITH
LARGE YELLOW POLKA DOTS SHE WORE NIGHT OF SHOOTING.

SCHULTE TESTIFIED SHE WAS IN PANTRY AREA AT TIME OF
SHOOTING AND WAS USING ONE STEEL CRUTCH DUE TO LEG INJURY FROM
SKIING ACCIDENT. SHE COULD NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF
SIRHAN AS INDIVIDUAL WHO DID THE SHOOTING.

WILLIAM BARRY, BODYGUARD OF LATE SENATOR KENNEDY,

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TESTIFIED RE CHANGE OF DIRECTION TAKEN BY KENNEDY AND PARTY
OFF STAGE IN EMBASSY BALLROOM.

ONE OF THE LAPD OFFICERS WHO TOOK SIRHAN INTO CUSTODY
AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND TRANSPORTED HIM TO RAMPART DIVISION,
LAPD, TESTIFIED FOLLOWED BY RANGE MASTER AND PATRON OF FISH
CANYON GUN RANGE WHERE SIRHAN PRACTICED FIRING ON JUNE FOUR
LAST.

TRIAL CONTINUES FEBRUARY NINETEEN NEXT.

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TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY WITH FOUR ADDITIONAL WITNESSES WHO PLACE SIRHAN B. SIRHAN AT SAN GABRIEL GUN RANGE ON JUNE FOUR LAST, FOR A PERIOD OF SEVERAL HOURS. ALL RANGE WITNESSES IDENTIFIED SIRHAN AND TESTIFIED TO HAVING SPOKEN WITH HIM AT THE GUN RANGE.

SALE OF GUN USED BY SIRHAN IN SHOOTING OF KENNEDY WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH CLERK AT GUN STORE WHO ORIGINALLY SOLD GUN TO ALBERT HERTZ AND THROUGH CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVE WHO PRODUCED RECORD OF GUN SALE. FURTHER TRACING OF GUN COMPLETED BY TESTIMONY OF WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF ALBERT HERTZ, ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF WEAPON.

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GUN TRACED TO FORMER ^{COWORKER} ~~SO-OWNER~~ OF MUNIR AT PASADENA DEPARTMENT STORE WHO, IN COMPANY OF MALE ASSOCIATE, SOLD GUN TO MUNIR AND HIS BROTHER, SIRHAN, ON PASADENA STREET CORNER IN FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT.

CONTINUITY OF MURDER WEAPON AFTER ASSASSINATION ESTABLISHED THROUGH TESTIMONY OF LAPD HOMICIDE OFFICER WHO RECEIVED GUN FROM RAEFER JOHNSON.

PAUL SCHRADER, WOUNDED IN SHOOTING BY SIRHAN AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, WHICH CONSTITUTES SECOND COUNT OF INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN, TESTIFIED TODAY AS WELL AS GEORGE PLIMPTON WHO ASSISTED IN SUBDUING SIRHAN.

WITNESS TESTIFIED TO SALE OF AMMUNITION TO SIRHAN ON JUNE ONE LAST AT LOCK STOCK AND BARREL GUN SHOP. LAPD OFFICER WHO WAS PARTNER OF OFFICER WHO TESTIFIED FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST CONCERNING APPREHENSION OF SIRHAN BEGAN, BUT DID NOT COMPLETE TESTIMONY BEFORE COURT ADJOURNED.

TRIAL CONTINUES FEBRUARY TWENTY NEXT, THE LAPD OFFICER APPEARING AS FIRST WITNESS.

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REMYTEL DATED FEBRUARY NINETEEN LAST.

OPENING OF TRIAL TODAY DELAYED UNTIL TEN TEN A.M. DUE
TO CONFERENCE IN CHAMBERS.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS MOVED FOR MISTRIAL BASED ON LOCAL
PRESS ACCOUNTS OF SIRHAN'S WILLINGNESS TO PLEAD GUILTY TO
FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE IF ASSURED OF SENTENCE OF LIFE
IMPRISONMENT ^{RATHER} ~~RATHER~~ THAN DEATH. PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATED
THAT TRIAL JUDGE WILLING TO ACCEPT GUILTY PLEA, BUT INSISTS
JURY MAKE DECISION RE SENTENCE. JUDGE ADMITTED IN CHAMBERS
THAT HE FURNISHED PORTION OF THIS INFORMATION TO PRESS TO
CLARIFY EARLIER PRESS RELEASES RE THIS SAME MATTER.

PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS THIS MORNING WERE TO BE
KEPT FROM PRESS, BUT STORY LEAKED OUT AND AT AFTERNOON RECESS
JUDGE MADE AVAILABLE COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS CONCERNING PROCEEDINGS

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IN CHAMBER SO THAT ALL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD HAVE SAME INFORMATION.

TRIAL CONTINUED AND POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER WHO BEGAN TESTIMONY YESTERDAY CONTINUED CONCERNING APPREHENSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SIRHAN TO RAMPART DIVISION, LAPD, ON NIGHT OF SHOOTING. DEFENSE, IN STRONG CROSS-EXAMINATION, ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT TESTIMONY OF OFFICER CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED EXAMINATION OF SIRHAN'S EYE PUPILS FOR POSSIBLE USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

LAPD LATENT PRINT EXAMINER TESTIFIED TO PROCESSING OF SIRHAN VEHICLE IN VICINITY OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND LIFTING PRINTS FROM GLOVE COMPARTMENT.

ANOTHER LAPD LATENT PRINT EXAMINER TESTIFIED THAT PRINT FROM GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF SIRHAN VEHICLE AND PRINT FROM RECEIPT FOR SALE OF AMMUNITION FOUND IN SIRHAN'S VEHICLE WAS FINGERPRINT OF SIRHAN.

KENNEDY VOLUNTEER WORKER, JUDY ROYER, TESTIFIED TO SEEING SIRHAN IN AREA OF EMBASSY BALLROOM ONE TO TWO HOURS PRIOR TO SHOOTING.

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TWO ADDITIONAL VICTIMS OF SHOOTING, ELIZABETH EVANS
AND IRA GOLDSTEIN, GAVE ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT. NEITHER IDENTIFIED
SIRHAN. BOTH INDIVIDUALS ARE VICTIMS IN ~~4~~ COUNTS OF INDICTMENT
AGAINST SIRHAN.

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OPENING OF TRIAL DELAYED AGAIN TODAY UNTIL TEN A.M. DUE
TO CONFERENCE IN CHAMBERS.

TRIAL CONTINUED AND TESTIMONY TAKEN FROM ERWIN STROL AND
WILLIAM WEISEL, BOTH OF WHOM WERE SHOT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL
BY SIRHAN WHEN SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS KILLED.

(C) ELVIN CLARK, PASADENA CITY SANITATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE,
TESTIFIED ABOUT HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH SIRHAN AND DISCUSSION
HE HAD WITH SIRHAN FOLLOWING KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.
IN TESTIMONY, CLARK STATED SIRHAN TOLD HIM HE INTENDED TO
KILL KENNEDY.

ANGELO DI PIERRO, MAITRE D' AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, AGAIN
TESTIFIED CONCERNING APPEARANCE OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT
COCOANUT GROVE ON JUNE TWO LAST.

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WILLIAM BLUME, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF LIQUOR STORE ADJACENT TO ORGANIC HEALTH FOODS STORE IN PASADENA WHERE SIRHAN WAS EMPLOYED, TESTIFIED HE OBSERVED SIRHAN PRESENT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE TWO LAST, WHEN KENNEDY APPEARED THERE TO MAKE BRIEF TALK IN PALM TERRACE AREA OF HOTEL.

MARIAM DAVIS LIKEWISE TESTIFIED HAVING OBSERVED SIRHAN IN KITCHEN AREA OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE TWO LAST.

LIEUTENANT ALVIN HEGGE, LAPD, TESTIFIED REGARDING OBTAINING OF SEARCH WARRANT AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S CAR. SOME ITEMS LOCATED IN CAR WERE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE AND OTHERS AS PROSECUTION EXHIBITS.

DR. STANLEY ABO TESTIFIED REGARDING HIS BEING SUMMONED FROM BALLROOM IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL WHEN SHOTS WERE FIRED. HIS TESTIMONY INCLUDED EXPLANATION OF EXAMINATION HE GAVE TO PAUL SCHRADER, ONE OF THE SHOOTING VICTIMS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION ADMINISTERED TO KENNEDY IN PANTRY FOLLOWING SHOOTING. PROSECUTION ATTEMPTS TO HAVE ABO TESTIFY AS TO CONVERSATION BETWEEN KENNEDY AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL WHEN DEFENSE OBJECTED TO THEM.

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RICHARD KLEIN, A PRESS MAN FOR KENNEDY'S CAMPAIGN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TESTIFIED REGARDING PLANS OF KENNEDY TO GO TO COL~~ON~~IAL ROOM TO SPEAK TO NEWSMEN GATHERED THERE FOLLOWING HIS VICTORY SPEECH. KLEIN ALSO BUTTRESSED TESTIMONY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY JUDY ROYER REGARDING KENNEDY'S DEPARTURE FROM SPEAKING PLATFORM PRIOR TO SHOOTING IN PANTRY.

TRIAL TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR NEXT WITH OPENING TESTIMONY BY MEMBERS OF LAPD.

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RE MY TELETYPE, FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE LAST.

START OF TRIAL OF SIRHAN DELAYED AGAIN TODAY DUE TO
MEETING IN CHAMBERS.

OFFICER DE WAYNE WOLFER, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT,
SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION SECTION (SIS), TESTIFIED AS TO
BALLISTICS EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY HIM IN THE ASSASSINATION
OF THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY. INCLUDED IN BALLISTICS TESTIMONY
WAS THAT PERTAINING TO KENNEDY'S SUIT COAT WORN BY HIM AT TIME
OF SHOOTING. TESTIMONY INCLUDED EXPLANATION OF THREE ENTRY
BULLET HOLES AND TWO EXIT HOLES IN SUIT COAT.

DR. HENRY M. CUMEO, NEURO-SURGEON ON STAFF OF GOOD
SAMARITAN HOSPITAL WHO PARTICIPATED IN NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY UPON

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KENNEDY FOLLOWING SHOOTING TESTIFIED AS TO HIS FINDINGS AND INTRODUCED MEDICAL RECORD OF PROCEDURE.

OFFICER HARRY C. STARR, CORONA, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO IS ASSISTANT RANGE MASTER, CORONA POLICE PISTOL RANGE, TESTIFIED RELATIVE TO SIRHAN'S APPEARANCE AT RANGE ON JUNE ONE LAST. STARR IDENTIFIED AND INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE THE SIGN-IN REGISTER UTILIZED IN RANGE WHICH REFLECTS SIRHAN APPEARED AT RANGE AT TWELVE FIFTY PM ABOVE DATE COMPLETING SHOOTING AT THREE PM SAME DATE.

SERGEANT WILLIAM E. BRANDT, RAMPART DIVISION, DETECTIVES, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, LAST WITNESS ON STAND. HIS TESTIMONY DEALT WITH APPROACH TO SEARCHING OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE WHERE NOTEBOOKS WERE OBTAINED.

COURT ADJOURNED FOUR PM AND FURTHER TESTIMONY FROM BRANDT WILL BE TAKEN FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE NEXT WHEN COURT RECONVENES AT NINE FIFTEEN AM. PENDING.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CONTINUED
[REDACTED] TODAY WITH [REDACTED] TESTIMONY OF SGT. WILLIAM BRANDT,
LAPD, WHO PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE WHICH
RESULTED IN LOCATION OF HIS PERSONAL DIARIES.

BRANDT FOLLOWED BY OFFICER JAMES D. EVANS, LAPD,
HOMICIDE DIVISION OFFICER, WHO ACCOMPANIED BRANDT ON SEARCH OF
SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE.

TESTIMONY OF EVANS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS THAT OF
BRANDT.

PASADENA PD OFFICER THOMAS R. YOUNG WAS THIRD WITNESS
WHO TESTIFIED TO LOCATING ENVELOP FROM ARGONAUT INSURANCE
COMPANY, IN TRASH CONTAINER AT REAR OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE ON
JUNE FIVE LAST.

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LAURENCE SLOAN, EXAMINER OF QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TESTIFIED AS TO COMPARISON OF HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING IN NOTEBOOKS AS COMPARED TO HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING OF SIGNATURE OF SIRHAN ON CORONA POLICE DEPARTMENT PISTOL RANGE WHERE SIRHAN PRACTICED FIRING JUNE ONE LAST. FOLLOWING TESTIMONY OF ^{SLOAN}~~SIRHAN~~, PROSECUTION MOVED TO ADMIT AS EVIDENCE DIARIES AND OTHER PAPERS OBTAINED IN SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE. ^{Defense}~~PROSECUTION~~ OBJECTED TO ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE AND JUDGE WALKER OVERRULED OBJECTION ^{and} ~~PERMITTED~~ ^{PERMITTED} THEIR ENTRY. JUST PRIOR TO LUNCH RECESS, SIRHAN STOOD UP IN COURT AND STATED, "YOUR HONOR ITS NOT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE YET." SIRHAN'S OUTBURST WAS RELATED TO TESTIMONY THEN BEING GIVEN BY SLOAN AND COURT RECESSED FOR LUNCH. FOLLOWING LUNCH RECESS, COURT AGAIN CONVENED AT WHICH TIME SIRHAN ROSE TO HIS FEET ADVISING COURT HE DESIRED TO SPEAK WITH JUDGE. JUDGE WALKER DIRECTED SIRHAN TO ADDRESS COURT THROUGH HIS ^{ATTORNEYS}~~ATTORNEYS~~ AND COURT AGAIN RECESSED. DURING RECESS, SIRHAN'S MOTHER, MARY SIRHAN, SPOKE WITH HIM IN PRIVATE IN EFFORT TO CALM HIM DOWN.

^{Defense}~~RECESS~~ ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER MADE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL NINE THIRTY AM FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX NEXT, TO AFFORD SIRHAN OPPORTUNITY TO REGAIN COMPOSURE. MOTION WAS GRANTED.

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IT WAS CONFIDENTIALLY LEARNED FROM PROSECUTION TEAM THAT FOLLOWING POST LUNCH OUTBREAK IN COURT BY SIRHAN AND DURING CHAMBERS DISCUSSIONS, SIRHAN INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO ENTER FIRST DEGREE MURDER PLEA WITH DEATH PENALTY SINCE HE WAS TIRED OF TRIAL PROCEEDINGS. THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO NEWS MEDIA OR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION.

TRIAL WILL CONVENE FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX NEXT.

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ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN COMMENCED AT TEN TWENTY
 A.M. TODAY FOLLOWING A SESSION IN CHAMBERS.

ACTIVITIES OPENED WITH JURY BEING GIVEN SIRHAN NOTEBOOKS,
 WHICH WERE ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE, TO EXAMINE. LIEUTENANT
WILLIAM JORDAN, RAMPART DIVISION, DETECTIVE, LAPD GAVE
 TESTIMONY REGARDING ARREST OF SIRHAN AND RESULTS OF INITIAL
 INTERVIEW WITH HIM.

ONLY OTHER PROSECUTIVE WITNESS WAS *Thomas* DR. NOGUCHI, LOS
 ANGELES COUNTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, WHO TESTIFIED AS TO
 CAUSE OF DEATH OF KENNEDY. ACCORDING TO NOGUCHI, CAUSE OF
 DEATH WAS DUE TO ^{IN RIGHT} GUNSHOT WOUND ^{RESTED} MASTOID AREA.

PROSECUTION ~~REST~~ THEIR CASE AND FURTHER PROCEEDINGS
deferred
~~CONDUCTED~~ UNTIL NINE FIFTEEN A.M., FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

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FOLLOWING CONSISTS OF ACTIVITIES IN SIRHAN TRIAL
FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT:

PROSECUTION RESTED CASE AND DEFENSE OPENED. FIRST
WITNESS WAS BARON SARKEES NAHAS, A WRITER, BORN IN
JERUSALEM AND COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH THAT COUNTRY. NAHAS,
USING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY MAP OF JERUSALEM, TESTIFIED AS TO
CONDITIONS EXISTING DURING PERIOD OF CONFLICT BETWEEN
ISRAELIS AND ARABS IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT.

SECOND DEFENSE WITNESS WAS SAID HASHIMAH, A BOYFRIEND OF
SIRHAN WHOSE FAMILY RESIDED IN SAME BUILDING AS DID SIRHAN
FAMILY IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. HASHIMAH PLAYED AS CHILD
WITH SIRHAN UNTIL SIRHAN FAMILY LEFT FOR UNITED STATES IN

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NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. HASHIMAH TESTIFIED TO CONDITIONS EXISTING IN PALESTINE DASH ISRAELI WAR; ABJECT POVERTY OF SIRHAN AND OTHER FAMILIES AND CRUELTY ON PART OF SIRHAN'S FATHER TOWARD SIRHAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

AFTERNOON SESSION CONTINUED WITH WITNESS FROM PASADENA SCHOOL SYSTEM OUTLINING ACADEMIC RECORD OF SIRHAN. DURING THIS TESTIMONY, SIRHAN STOOD UP TO ADDRESS JUDGE. HIS ATTORNEYS SEATED HIM AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO APPROACH BENCH AND THE JURY WAS EXCLUDED.

SIRHAN REQUESTED PERMISSION TO MAKE STATEMENT AND INDICATED DESIRE TO CHANGE PLEA TO GUILTY TO MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE. SIRHAN ALSO REQUESTED TO BE EXECUTED AND TO DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHY FROM JUDGE, SIRHAN ANSWERED THAT HE HAD WILLFULLY KILLED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF PREMEDITATED MALICE A.D.AFORETHOUGHT.

SIRHAN INSISTED HE REPRESENT HIMSELF AND JUDGE ASKED HIM TWO SIMPLE LEGAL QUESTIONS WHICH HE COULD NOT ANSWER AND JUDGE DECLARED HIM INCOMPETENT TO DEFEND SELF.

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JUDGE RULED THAT TRIAL WOULD CONTINUE AND ADMONISHED SIRHAN THAT IF THERE WERE FURTHER OUTBURST, HE WOULD BE PHYSICALLY RESTRAINED IN COURT BY BEING STRAPPED TO HIS CHAIR AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO WEAR A FACE MASK TO PREVENT HIM FROM TALKING. COURT TEMPORARILY RECESSED.

WHEN COURT RECONVENED, DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF AND THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, MADE A MOTION TO THE COURT THAT ALL DEFENSE COUNSELS BE DISASSOCIATED FROM THE CASE DUE TO DIVERSIONS OF OPINION BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND SIRHAN AS TO PROPER CONDUCT OF THE TRIAL. MOTION WAS DENIED BY JUDGE AND TRIAL ORDERED TO PROCEED.

JURY WAS RECALLED AND MARY SIRHAN, MOTHER OF SIRHAN, WAS CALLED TO STAND. AFTER A FEW QUESTIONS BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY PARSONS CONCERNING BIRTH PLACE OF SIRHAN AND EARLY RESIDENCE OF FAMILY, SHE BECAME EMOTIONALLY UPSET. ATTORNEYS APPROACHED BENCH AND THE JUDGE RECESSED THE TRIAL TO MONDAY, MARCH THIRD NEXT, DUE TO EMOTIONAL STATE OF MARY SIRHAN.

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RE MY TELETYPE, FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

BEFORE MARY SIRHAN RESUMED TESTIMONY TODAY, DEFENSE
ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER MADE MOTION WHICH JUDGE GRANTED TO
INCLUDE ISSA MAKLEH AS ADVISOR TO DEFENSE.

MAKLEH IS DIRECTOR OF PALESTINIAN-ARAB DELEGATION
TO UNITED NATIONS, IS MEMBER OF ENGLISH BAR AND IS A LAWYER
IN PALESTINE. MAKLEH PLANS TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES
FOR AT LEAST ONE WEEK.

MARY SIRHAN CONTINUED TESTIMONY REGARDING HARDSHIPS OF
THEIR FAMILY LIFE IN PALESTINE AND OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM
AND DESCRIBED SCENES OF VIOLENCE AND RELATED THEIR EFFECT
ON THE YOUTHFUL SIRHAN. MARY SIRHAN ~~PLANNED~~ ^{Blamed} HARDSHIPS ON

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AFTER MORNING RECESS, DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER SPEAKING FOR SIRHAN, APOLOGIZED TO THE JUDGE FOR OUTBURSTS OF SIRHAN ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

MARY SIRHAN WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY PROSECUTION ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON AND WAS FOLLOWED ON THE WITNESS STAND BY HER SON ADEL SIRHAN.

ADEL SIRHAN ALSO TESTIFIED TO HARDSHIPS OF FAMILY LIFE IN PALESTINE AND IN OLD WALLED CITY OF JERUSALEM UNTIL FAMILY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. ADEL ALSO TESTIFIED TO PERSONALITY OF SIRHAN BEFORE AND AFTER HIS ACCIDENT OF FALLING FROM HORSE IN CORONA, CALIFORNIA IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIX. ADEL ALSO TESTIFIED TO GENERAL TEMPERAMENT OF HIS BROTHER, SIRHAN.

IRVING LEWIS, ADMINISTRATIVE DEAN OF PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, OUTLINED COURSES AND GRADES OF SIRHAN AT THIS JUNIOR COLLEGE FROM NINETEEN SIXTY THREE THROUGH SIXTY FIVE WHEN SIRHAN WAS DISQUALIFIED AND LATER DISMISSED FROM THE SCHOOL DUE TO ACADEMIC INAPTITUDE.

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SIRHAN WAS THEN CALLED TO STAND AND TESTIFIED FOR REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON SESSION. UNDER QUESTIONING OF HIS ATTORNEY, GRANT COOPER, SIRHAN ADMITTED KILLING SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY ON THE EARLY MORNING OF JUNE FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND OF SHOOTING THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN THE SIX COUNTY INDICTMENT. SIRHAN TESTIFIED THAT HE WROTE ENTRIES OF MAY EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT IN HIS NOTEBOOK INDICATING THAT RFK MUST BE KILLED BEFORE JUNE FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. DEFENSE ATTORNEY READ ENTIRE PAGE OF NOTEBOOK UNDER DATE OF MAY EIGHTEEN AND SIRHAN ADMITTED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN ENTIRE PAGE. SIRHAN THEN RECOUNTED RECOLLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE IN PALESTINE AND WHEN FAMILY LIVED IN THE OLD WALL CITY OF JERUSALEM BEFORE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES. SIRHAN TESTIFIED CALMLY AND THERE WERE NO EMOTIONAL OUTBURSTS. TRIAL TO BE CONTINUED MARCH FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE WITH SIRHAN ~~STILL~~ ON STAND.

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL DATED MARCH THREE LAST.

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN CONTINUED TESTIMONY TODAY FOR ENTIRE
COURT SESSION.

UNDER QUESTIONING BY HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER,
SIRHAN RECOUNTED LIFE IN JERUSALEM AND HIS MOVE TO THE
UNITED STATES IN NINETEEN FIFTY SIX.

HE CONTINUED TESTIFYING CONCERNING HIS EDUCATION,
EMPLOYMENTS, AND HIS ACCIDENT IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIX AT
CORONA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE FELL FROM A HORSE WHILE WORKING
AS AN EXERCISE BOY.

HIS STUDY OF THE OCCULT AND THE METAPHYSICAL AND HIS
ENROLIMENT IN THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY WAS DEVELOPED AS WELL
AS HIS INTENSE POLITICAL FEELING CONCERNING THE ARAB ISRAELI
CONFLICT.

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SEVERAL BOOKS THAT SIRHAN HAD READ DEALING WITH THE OCCULT WERE INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE.

THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS UTILIZED WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY COOPER READING THE PAGES OF SIRHAN'S NOTEBOOK. SIRHAN WAS UNABLE TO RECALL HAVING WRITTEN MOST OF THE MATERIAL APPEARING THEREIN, BUT DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT WAS HIS HAND-WRITING AND THAT HE OBVIOUSLY HAD WRITTEN IT. SIRHAN INDICATED THAT SEVERAL EFFORTS IN RELATION TO THE ARAB ISRAELI SITUATION SO ANGERED HIM THAT AT THOSE MOMENTS HE COULD HAVE KILLED THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE.

SIRHAN WILL CONTINUE HIS TESTIMONY TOMORROW AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL BE ON THE WITNESS STAND FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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REMYTEL, MARCH FOUR LAST.

SIRHAN CONTINUED ON STAND TODAY AND IN QUESTIONING
BY HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY, TESTIFIED HE ACTED COMPLETELY ALONE
IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

DEFENSE CONTINUED READING FROM NOTEBOOKS AND PAPERS
OF SIRHAN. SIRHAN ADMITTED ALL WRITING WAS HIS HANDWRITING
BUT CLAIMED COULD NOT RECALL HAVING WRITTEN MATERIAL IN
NOTEBOOKS. AT ONE POINT IN REGARD TO HIS NOTATION ~~REGARDING~~ ^{CONCERNING}
COMMUNISM, HE TESTIFIED THAT AT THE TIME HE WROTE IT HE
FIRMLY SUPPORTED THE COMMUNIST CAUSE AND ITS PEOPLE. SIRHAN
TESTIFIED HE WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.
SIRHAN CLAIMED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO READ PORTION OF WRITINGS

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THAT WERE IN ARABIC AND DEFENSE ADVISOR ISSA MAKLEH TRANSLATED THESE MESSAGES.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY READ TO THE COURT ARTICLE APPEARING IN ROSICRUCIAN DIGEST OF MAY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ENTITLED "PUT IT IN WRITING" BY ARTHUR FETTING.

AFTER NOON RECESSES, DEFENSE DEVELOPED FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SIRHAN REGARDING HIS READING CONCERNING THE ROSICRUCIAN AND VARIOUS MENTAL EXPERIMENTS THAT HE LEARNED IN THIS STUDY.

FOLLOWING THIS DEFENSE DEVELOPED THROUGH QUESTIONING SIRHAN'S PURCHASE OF THE GUN USED IN MURDER OF KENNEDY AND HIS ACTIVITIES ON THE IMMEDIATE DAYS PRECEDING THE NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR WHEN SIRHAN WENT TO THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL. SIRHAN TESTIFIED TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT ROSICRUCIAN MEETING NIGHT OF MAY TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT, HIS FIRING PISTOL AT CORONA PD RANGE ON JUNE ONE, SIXTY EIGHT, HIS ATTENDANCE AT RALLY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL ON JUNE TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, AND HIS ACTIONS ON JUNE FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT.

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IN RELATION TO HIS SEEING KENNEDY AT AMBASSADOR ON JUNE TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, SIRHAN TESTIFIED THAT AT THAT POINT HE LOOKED UPON KENNEDY AS A "SAINT". AT END OF COURT SESSION, SIRHAN HAD TESTIFIED TO THE POINT OF ENTERING HOTEL ON NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT. SIRHAN WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY TOMMORROW. AT CLOSE OF SESSION, DEFENSE ATTORNEY COOPER REQUESTED TO SEE JUDGE IN CHAMBERS. ALL PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND INVESTIGATORS WENT INTO JUDGES CHAMBER. PROSECUTION INVESTIGATOR CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT APPARENTLY SHARIF SIRHAN, OLDER BROTHER OF SIRHAN, HAD THREATENED REMAINDER OF FAMILY. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE TREATED IN HIGHEST CONFIDENCE AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE DEVELOPED.

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RE MY TELETYPE MARCH FIVE LAST.

SIRHAN RESUMED STAND TODAY FOR DIRECT EXAMINATION.

CONTINUED CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR

LAST UNDER QUESTIONING OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER.

RECALLS BEING AT RAFFERTY HEADQUARTERS, AMBASSADOR

HOTEL AND BUYING AT LEAST TWO DRINKS AT THAT LOCATION.

ALSO VISITED CRANSTON HEADQUARTERS AMBASSADOR HOTEL BUT WAS

VAGUE ABOUT DETAILS. HE TESTIFIED HE FELT HIGH AND

THOUGHT HE SHOULD GO HOME. HE RETURNED TO HIS VEHICLE THEN

DECIDED HE NEEDED COFFEE AND RETURNED TO HOTEL. DOES NOT

RECALL TAKING GUN FROM CAR BUT STATED HE OBVIOUSLY DID.

RECALLS FINDING COFFEE AT UNDISCLOSED LOCATION AT HOTEL, ~~WAKE-UP~~DRANK COFFEE THEN CLAIMS RECALLS NOTHING UNTIL HE ~~WAKE-UP~~

AND SOMEONE WAS CHOKING HIM. HE CLAIMS NO RECOLLECTION

OF SHOOTING.

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SIRHAN VAGUELY RECALLS GOING TO POLICE STATION AND TALKING TO SEVERAL PEOPLE, LATER APPEARING BEFORE A "LADY JUDGE." CLAIMS HE DID NOT KNOW HE HAD SHOT KENNEDY UNTIL VISIT FROM AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) ATTORNEY AL WIRIN ON MORNING OF SHOOTING.

AFTER MORNING RECESS, PROSECUTION ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON BEGAN CROSS EXAMINATION CONCERNING RECOLLECTIONS OF SIRHAN OF HIS EARLY LIFE, HIS NOTEBOOKS AND HIS POLITICAL FEELINGS.

CROSS EXAMINATION CONTINUED AFTER THE NOON RECESS. EXAMINATION CENTERED ON RECOUNTING OF EVIDENCE AT GUN RANGE AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR SIXTY EIGHT AND TIME SIRHAN WAS IN POLICE CUSTODY. CROSS EXAMINATION ENDED WITH PROSECUTING ATTORNEY REPEATING STATEMENTS SIRHAN MADE ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, WHEN JURY WAS ABSENT, THAT HE SIRHAN, KILLED SENATOR KENNEDY. THIS FOLLOWED STATEMENT BY SIRHAN ON CROSS EXAMINATION THAT HE NOW WAS NOT SURE HE HAD KILLED SENATOR KENNEDY.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY, AFTER BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEY CONFERRED WITH JUDGE, THEN READ ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING SIRHAN'S OUTBURST AT COURT SESSION ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, DURING WHICH PERIOD JURY WAS EXCUSED. SIRHAN WAS THEN EXCUSED AS WITNESS.

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PROSECUTION INVESTIGATOR CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED CONCERNING MEETING IN JUDGES CHAMBERS AFTER COURT SESSION MARCH FIVE LAST THAT SHARIFF SIRHAN TELEPHONED FAMILY AND THREATENED TO KILL MOTHER, MUNIR, AND SIRHAN. OFFICERS OF S. U. S. UNIT, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE SHARIFF LAST EVENING WITHOUT SUCCESS. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, OTHER BROTHER, CONTACTED, BUT UNCOOPERATIVE. PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ON AFTERNOON (OF) MARCH SIX PRESENT, LOCATED SHARIFF AT HOME, BUT SHARIFF REFUSED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIM. PASADENA PRESS, TONIGHT, CARRIED STORY REGARDING THREAT TO SIRHAN.

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REMYTEL MARCH SIX LAST.

COURT SESSION OPENED TODAY WITH JUDGE ADVISING JURY
IN DETERMINING GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF SIRHAN TO DISREGARD
TESTIMONY GIVEN MARCH SIX LAST REGARDING STATEMENTS SIRHAN
MADE ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST WHILE JURY ABSENT.
PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS APPROACHED BENCH AND
THEN PROSECUTION ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS MADE STATEMENTS
TO COURT THAT HE CONSIDERED JUDGES INSTRUCTIONS IN ERROR AND
HE FELT JURY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONSIDER STATEMENTS ANY WAY
THEY WISHED. JUDGE CONCURRED WITH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE
CONTINUED ~~WITH~~ PRESENTATION OF ^{defense} WITNESSES.

ROBERT PRESTWOOD, OWNER OF RACE HORSE JET SPEC, WAS
FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS AND TESTIFIED THAT HE KNEW SIRHAN
AT GRANJA VISTA DEL RIO RANCH AND SAW SIRHAN ONCE AT

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SANTA ANITA TRACK. HE KNEW SIRHAN AS EXERCISE BOY WHO WANTED TO BECOME A JOCKEY.

JOHN STRATHMAN AND WIFE PATRICIA TESTIFIED THEY KNEW SIRHAN AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR AND HAD PERIODIC CONTACT WITH HIM UNTIL APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. BOTH TESTIFIED TO CERTAIN PERSONAL ^{ty}CHANGES OF SIRHAN AFTER ACCIDENT OF FALL FROM HORSE IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIXTY.. ON CROSS EXAMINATION JOHN STRATHMAN ADMITTED DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN SIRHAN HAD HIS ACCIDENT,

PATRICIA STRATHMAN RECALLED SIRHAN INTEREST IN THE OCCULT AFTER THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT AND RECALLS DISCUSSIONS WITH SIRHAN AS SHE ALSO HAD AND INTEREST IN ~~THE~~ METAPHYSICAL MATTERS.

MILLARD SHEETS, ARTIST AND RACE HORSE OWNER, TESTIFIED HE RUSHED TO SCENE OF ACCIDENT WHEN SIRHAN FELL FROM HORSE AT RANCH NEAR CORONA AND STAYED WITH SIRHAN UNTIL AMBULANCE ARRIVED TESTIFIED SIRHAN IN HIS OPINION WAS ^{LINE ON SE 1045}UNCONCIOUS. SHEETS ALSO TESTIFIED ON CROSS EXAMINATION THAT TWO DAYS LATER SIRHAN WAS BACK AT WORK AT THE ^{RANCH.}RANCH.

JOHN WEIDNER, HEALTH STORE OWNER AND EMPLOYER OF SIRHAN TESTIFIED TO SIRHAN'S WORK HABITS AND DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICS

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AND RELIGION THAT HE HAD WITH SIRHAN. HE DESCRIBED SIRHAN HAS BEING AGAINST AUTHORITY AND RECOUNTED A DISAGREEMENT WITH SIRHAN LEADING TO SIRHANS QUITTING HIS JOB.

NAOMI WEIDNER, WIFE OF JOHN, ALSO TESTIFIED TO HER DISCUSSIONS WITH SIRHAN AND SIRHAN'S RESENTMENT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

ROBERT E. AUSTIN, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER, ATTACHED TO RAMPART DIVISION, RECOUNTED INCIDENT OF SIRHAN KICKING CUP OF HOT CHOCOLATE OUT OF HAND OF LAPD OFFICER WHILE IN INTERROGATION ROOM OF RAMPART DIVISION.

AFTER THE NOON RECESS, MRS. GRACE F. BYRON, LIBRARIAN OF ROSICRUCIAN CHAPTER AT PASADENA, TESTIFIED TO PRESENCE OF SIRHAN AT MAY TWENTY EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTH EIGHT MEETING OF PASADENA CHAPTER OF ROSICRUCIAN.

INCONNECTION WITH NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HANS PETER BIDSTRUP, ELECTRICIAN AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, TESTIFIED TO CONVERSATION WITH SIRHAN AT SOUND BOOTH, VENETIAN ROOM IN HOTEL AND TO FACT THAT SIRHAN HAD A GLASS IN HIS HAND. ON DIRECT EXAMINATION BIDSTRUP INDICATED THAT SIRHAN COULD HAVE INTOXICATED, BUT ON CROSS EXAMINATION

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ADMITTED THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE A STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SIRHAN WAS DRUNK.

ENRIQUE RABAGO AND HUBERT CORDERO BOTH TESTIFIED TO SEEING SIRHAN AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, OUTSIDE RAFFERTY HEADQUARTERS BOTH TESTIFIED HE DID NOT APPEAR DRUNK AND THEY CONSIDERED HIM INTELLIGENT AND WELL-SPOKEN.

AMBASSADOR HOTEL WAITER GONZALES CERTINA TESTIFIED HE SAW SIRHAN OUTSIDE OF THE MENS ROOM IN VENETIAN ROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AND LATER WHEN SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SPEAKING IN THE ^{EMBASSY} ~~AMBASSADOR~~ BALLROOM. HE TESTIFIED HE SAW SIRHAN IN THE PANTRY AREA BEHIND THE EMBASSY BALLROOM NEAR THE ICE MAKER. ^{LAST} ~~THE~~ DEFENSE WITNESS CALLED TODAY WAS RICHARD LUBIC WHO TESTIFIED HE WAS IN THE PANTRY AREA BEHIND THE EMBASSY BALLROOM NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHEN KENNEDY WAS SHOT AND HEARD SOMEONE SHOUT, "KENNEDY YOU S. O. B." JUST BEFORE HE HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A SHOT.

ON MARCH TENNINETEEN SIXTY NINE DEFENSE WILL CALL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHIATRISTS. TO STAND.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED MARCH SEVEN LAST.

DEFENSE PROCEEDED TODAY WITH CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST DOCTOR MARTIN M. SCHORR OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, AS DEFENSE WITNESS. SCHORR TESTIFIED AS TO BATTERY OF TESTS HE GAVE SIRHAN, AND INTERPRETED RESULTS OF THESE TESTS FOR THE JURY. SCHORR CLAIMED SIRHAN HAD LOW IQ IN RELATION TO TESTS INVOLVING MANUAL DEXTERITY, SUCH AS MATCHING OBJECTS, BUT HAD RESULTS ON VERBAL TESTS THAT INDICATED A MUCH HIGHER IQ THAN HIS PRIOR TESTS INDICATED.

THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON SESSION CONCERNED TESTIMONY BY SCHORR CONCERNING THE RORSCHACH TESTS AND THE EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF IT. SCHORR WENT THROUGH THE ENTIRE

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TEN CARDS OF THE INK BLOTS SHOWN TO SIRHAN, AND LISTED HIS REACTION TO EACH. HE ALSO INTERPRETED THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE TESTS, AND STATED THAT SIRHAN HAD PARANOID PERSONALITY. SCHORR DEFINED A PARANOID PERSONALITY FOR THE JURY AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY. SCHORR WILL CONTINUE UNDER DIRECT EXAMINATION BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ON MARCH ELEVEN NEXT.

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REMYTEL MARCH TEN LAST.

DEFENSE WITNESS DR. MARTIN M. SCHORR, CLINICAL
PSYCHOLOGIST, RESUMED STAND TODAY AND CONTINUED TESTIMONY
RE ANALYSIS OF RORSCHACH TEST ADMINISTERED TO SIRHAN.
SIRHAN CHARACTERIZED AS PARANOID PERSONALITY WITH PSYCHOSIS
AND TENDANCY TO DISASSOCIATE WITH REALITY UNDER STRESS.

SCHORR CONTINUED WITH EXPLANATION OF THEMATIC
APPERCEPTION TEST AND REACTION OF SIRHAN TO EACH OF THE TEN
CARDS HE WAS SHOWN. LAST TEST EXPLAINED WAS BENDER GESTALT
TEST WHICH CONSISTED OF COPYING NINE DRAWINGS. SIRHAN'S
ORIGINAL SET SHOWING RESULTS OF TEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR EVIDENCE.

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AT CONCLUSION OF DIRECT EXAMINATION DEFENSE ATTEMPTED TO PUT HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION TO WITNESS AS TO WHETHER A PERSON SUCH AS SIRHAN HAD THE MENTAL CAPACITY TO GOVERN HIS ACTS OR TO ACT WITH WILLFUL MALICE ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR LAST IN SHOOTING KENNEDY. PROSECUTION OBJECTED TO QUALIFICATION OF WITNESS TO ANSWER QUESTION. THIS OBJECTION OVERRULED. PROSECUTION ALSO OBJECTED TO PHRASING OF HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION WHICH WAS SUSTAINED.

AFTER NOON RECESS, DEFENSE REPHRASED HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION AND WITNESS INDICATED THAT SIRHAN WAS PROBABLY NOT CAPABLE OF GOVERNING HIS ACTIONS.

REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON SESSION CONSISTED OF CROSS EXAMINATION OF WITNESS BY PROSECUTION GENERALLY ATTACKING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE WITNESS AS WELL AS THE RELIABILITY OF THE TESTS GIVEN. THIS SAME WITNESS WILL CONTINUE UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION AT COURT SESSION MAY TWELVE NEXT.

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RE LOS ANGELES ~~TELETYPE~~ DATED MARCH ELEVEN LAST.

CROSS EXAMINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN M. SCHORR, DEFENSE
WITNESS, CONTINUED TODAY BY PROSECUTION ATTORNEY, JOHN HOWARD.

GENERAL EMPHASIS OF CROSS EXAMINATION WAS TO ATTACK THE
CREDIBILITY OF THE WITNESS AND TO DISCREDIT VALIDITY OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS GIVEN SIRHAN, PARTICULARLY THE
RORSCHACH TESTS.

AT CLOSE OF AFTERNOON RECESS, PROSECUTION PLAYED A TAPE
OF INTERVIEW OF SIRHAN ON EARLY MORNING OF JUNE ~~FIFTEEN~~ *Five* LAST,
AT INTERROGATION ROOM OF RAMPART DIVISION, LOS ANGELES
POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS CONSUMED REMAINDER OF COURT SESSION.

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TOMORROW, MARCH THIRTEEN NEXT, ALL REMAINING TAPES OF INTERVIEWS WITH SIRHAN WILL BE PLAYED FOR JURY, AND AT CONCLUSION, FURTHER CROSS EXAMINATION OF SCHORR WILL CONTINUE. DEFENSE ATTORNEY INDICATED TODAY THERE WILL BE REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF SCHORR.

DUE TO PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS OF JUDGE AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, THERE WILL BE NO COURT SESSION ON FRIDAY, MARCH FOURTEEN NEXT.

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REMYTEL MARCH TWELVE LAST.

FULL COURT SESSION TODAY WAS TAKEN UP WITH PLAYING OF TAPES OF INTERROGATION OF SIRHAN FOLLOWING HIS ARREST EARLY MORNING HOURS, JUNE FIVE LAST. TAPES PLAYED TODAY INCLUDED INTERROGATION BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN HOWARD AND BY LAPD OFFICER JORDAN OF RAMPART DIVISION AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR MURPHY. MORNING SESSION OF COURT ENDED HALF HOUR EARLIER AS DEFENSE ATTORNEY EMILE ZOLA BERMAN MADE ADDRESS TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ON TOPIC ADVOCACY, THE ART OF THE COURTROOM. AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THERE WILL BE NO COURT SESSION ON MARCH FOURTEEN NEXT AND NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED THAT DATE.

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PLAYBACK OF TAPES OF INTERROGATION OF SIRHAN CONCLUDED
AT COURT SESSION THIS MORNING.

DEFENSE WITNESS DR. MARTIN M. SCHORR RESUMED STAND
FOR CROSS EXAMINATION. FACTS OF LETTER WRITTEN BY DR. SCHORR
TO DEFENSE OFFERING HIS SERVICES MADE KNOWN TO COURT.

PRESS REPORTS OVER WEEKEND CARRIED STORY THAT DR. SCHORR
MAY HAVE COPIED PORTION OF BOOK "CASE BOOK OF A CRIMINAL
PSYCHIATRIST" BY A NEW YORK CRIMINAL PSYCHIATRIST, DR. JAMES
A. BRUSSEL, IN MAKING HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SIRHAN.
COURT RECESSED TO ALLOW DEFENSE TO READ TEXT IN QUESTION.
FOLLOWING NOON RECESS ARGUMENTS HEARD WITH JURY EXCUSED RE
ADMITTING BOOK INTO EVIDENCE. PAGE BY PAGE EVALUATION WAS

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MADE TO DETERMINE PORTIONS OF BOOK TO BE ADMITTED. JUDGE RULED CERTAIN PAGES BE EXCLUDED FROM JURY. SUMMARY ARGUMENTS HEARD AND JUDGE AFFIRMED HIS PRIOR RULING. COURT RECESSED TO ALLOW PROSECUTION TO PREPARE MATERIAL FROM BOOK FOR PRESENTATION TO JURY. COURT WILL RESUME MARCH EIGHTEEN NEXT.

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REMYTEL MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST.

DEFENSE WITNESS, DR. MARTIN M. SCHORR, RESUMED
WITNESS STAND TODAY FOR ADDITIONAL CROSS-EXAMINATION
TO DISCREDIT TESTIMONY BASED ON SIMILARITY BETWEEN
SCHORR'S REPORT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SIRHAN
AND BOOK BY NEW YORK CLINICAL PSYCHIATRIST. BOOK ENTITLED
"CASE BOOK OF A CLINICAL PSYCHIATRIST".

AFTER THE NOON RECESS, DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON,
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, WAS CALLED BY DEFENSE. TOOK STAND
AND READ TO COURT HIS REPORT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION
OF SIRHAN. RICHARDSON THEN DESCRIBED VARIOUS TESTS GIVEN
SIRHAN AND THE RESULTS THEREOF. TESTS INCLUDED RORSCHACH

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TEST, WEXLER ADULT INTELLIGENCE SCALE, BENDER GESTALT
AND MULTIBASIC PERSONALITY INVENTORY, AND TERMETIC
APPERCETTION TEST. RICHARDSON WAS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT
TESTS ON SIRHAN BY THE COURT APPOINTED PSYCHIATRIST,
DR. MARCUS. RICHARDSON WILL CONTINUE ON DIRECT EXAMINA-
TION BY DEFENSE TOMORROW.

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REMYTEL DATED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON,
RESUMED STAND TODAY AND CONTINUED TO DESCRIBE PSYCHOLOGY
TESTS ADMINISTERED TO SIRHAN.

DIRECT EXAMINATION WAS CONCLUDED AND FOR REMAINDER OF
COURT SESSION TODAY DR. RICHARDSON UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION
BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DAVID FITTS, CONCERNING WITNESS'S
PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SIRHAN. BASIS OF CROSS EXAMINATION
WAS CONDITIONS OF TESTING AND BACKGROUND DATA OF SIRHAN THAT
MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO WITNESS WHEN PSYCHOLOGICAL
TESTS WERE GIVEN.

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WITNESS WILL RESUME STAND FOR FURTHER CROSS EXAMINATION
AND REDIRECT EXAMINATION ON MARCH TWENTY NEXT.

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RE MY TEL MARCH NINETEEN LAST.

DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST,
RESUMED STAND TODAY AND CROSS EXAMINATION BY PROSECUTION
WAS CONCLUDED. ON REDIRECT EXAMINATION, RICHARDSON GAVE
DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY OF SIRHAN SIRHAN'S MENTAL CONDITION
INDICATING A PSYCOTIC CONDITION.

DR. STEPHEN J. HOWARD, A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST,
TESTIFIED THAT HE ACTED IN CONSULTING CAPACITY TO DR.
RICHARDSON AND MADE INTERPRETATION OF RAW DATA PROVIDED BY
RICHARDSON FROM TESTS GIVEN SIRHAN. HOWARD TESTIFIED
CONSIDERED SIRHAN IN A BORDER LINE PSYCOTIC STATE. PROSECU-
TION HAD LIMITED CROSS EXAMINATION OF HOWARD.

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DEFENSE THEN CALLED DR. WILLIAM CRANE, ANOTHER CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, WHO ACTED AS CONSULTANT TO DR. RICHARDSON. CRANE TESTIFIED HIS INTERPRETATION OF DATA SUPPLIED BY RICHARDSON SHOWED SIRHAN TO BE IN A PARANOIC STATE. CRANE WAS NOT CROSSED EXAMINED BY PROSECUTION.

AFTER THE NOON RECESS, DR. MARCUS, COURT APPOINTED PSYCHIATRIST, TESTIFIED ON DIRECT EXAMINATION CONCERNING MENTAL CAPACITY OF SIRHAN. BASED CONCLUSIONS ON TESTS ADMINISTERED BY DR. RICHARDSON, EXAMINATION OF NOTEBOOKS OF SIRHAN, RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF MEMBERS OF SIRHAN FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND INTERVIEW OF SIRHAN. ON CROSS EXAMINATION BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS, MARCUS ADMITTED THAT INTERVIEWS WITH FAMILY CONSISTED OF TAPES GATHERED BY DEFENSE INVESTIGATOR. CROSS EXAMINATION OF MARCUS WILL CONTINUE ON MARCH TWENTY-ONE NEXT.

MARCUS IS TWENTY-FIFTH DEFENSE WITNESS CALLED AND TODAY WAS FOURTEENTH DAY OF DEFENSE PRESENTATION.

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RE MY TEL MARCH TWENTY LAST.

PSYCHIATRIST, DR. ERIC MARCUS, RESUMED WITNESS STAND
THIS DATE AND TESTIFIED UNDER DIRECT EXAMINATION TO THE
MENTAL CONDITION OF SIRHAN. MARCUS DESCRIBED SIRHAN AS
PARANOID DASH SCHIZOPHRENIA AND INDICATED THAT SIRHAN
DEVELOPED THIS MENTAL ILLNESS SEVERAL YEARS EARLIER WHICH
WOULD ACCOUNT FOR THE WRITINGS IN THE NOTE BOOK FOUND IN
THE SIRHAN RESIDENCE AFTER HIS ARREST.

ON CROSS EXAMINATION BY PROSECUTION MARCUS ^{conceded} ~~CONCEDED~~
THAT SIRHAN COULD HAVE LIED CONCERNING THE FACT THAT HE COULD
NOT RECALL THE EVENTS OF THE SHOOTING.

ON REDIRECT EXAMINATION MARCUS DESCRIBED THE RESULTS OF
ALCOHOL TESTS GIVEN TO SIRHAN WHILE HE WAS IN CUSTODY TO TEST
HIS REACTION TO DRINKING ALCOHOL BEVERAGES. AFTER ADDITIONAL

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CROSS EXAMINATION BASED ON THE REDIRECT TESTIMONY, MARCUS WAS EXCUSED.

MICHAEL MC COWAN, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR THE DEFENSE, TESTIFIED TO SIX PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY THE DEFENSE OF EMBASSY AND VENETIAN ROOMS IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE.

DR. BERNARD L. DIAMOND, M.D., PSYCHIATRIST WHO EXAMINED SIRHAN AT REQUEST OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER BEGAN TESTIMONY CONCERNING HIS FIRST INTERVIEW WITH SIRHAN AND GAVE LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF THIS INTERVIEW. THIS CONCLUDED COURT SESSION TODAY. DIAMOND WILL RESUME STAND MARCH TWENTY-FOUR NEXT. DIAMOND IS A FULL PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY AND AT SAN FRANCISCO AND TEACHES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF MEDICINE, LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY AND IS THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY AT BERKELEY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ISSA NAKHLEH, DIRECTOR OF THE PALESTINE ARAB DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ADVISOR TO THE DEFENSE TEAM REPRESENTING SIRHAN, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE HILTON-STATLER HOTEL ON MARCH TWENTY-ONE INSTANT. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE ADVISED THAT NAKHLEH GAVE DIATRIBE AGAINST ZIONIST AND INDICATED THAT SIRHAN WAS A VICTIM OF THE ZIONIST. NAKHLEH EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY WAS ALSO A VICTIM OF THE ZIONIST AS HE WAS UNDER

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POLITICAL PRESSURE OF THE ZIONIST INFLUENCE. NAKHLEH ALSO
EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT SIRHAN WAS RECEIVING A FAIR TRIAL
AND PRAISED AMERICAN JUSTICE.

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REMYTEL MARCH TWENTY-ONE LAST.

DEFENSE WITNESS PSYCHIATRIST DR. BERNARD L. ~~DIAMOND~~,
M.D., RESUMED STAND TODAY AND WAS UNDER DIRECT EXAMINATION
FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION.

DIAMOND TESTIFIED TO NUMBER OF TIMES HE EXAMINED
SIRHAN AND DESCRIBED IN DETAIL REACTIONS OF SIRHAN ON THE
THREE OCCASIONS HE WAS HYPNOTIZED BY DIAMOND.

BASED ON PERSONAL EXAMINATION AND STUDY OF OTHER MATTER
INCLUDING SIRHAN'S WRITING IN HIS NOTEBOOK, DIAMOND DES-
CRIBED SIRHAN AS CHRONIC PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA WITH MAJOR
PSYCHOSIS IN A DISSOCIATED STATE AND WITH RESTRICTED
CONSCIENCE.

DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT BASED ON HYPNOSIS OF SIRHAN
OF OPINION THAT SIRHAN DID NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MEDITATE

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OR CONTAIN MALICE AND WAS UNABLE TO MENTALLY AND MEANINGFULLY REFLECT ON HIS ACTIONS.

DIAMOND OF OPINION SIRHAN SUFFERED FROM PROGRESSIVE MENTAL ILLNESS BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY WHEN SIRHAN FOUR YEARS OLD AND SUBJECT TO WAR EXPERIENCES IN ISRAEL. LATER TO COMPENSATE FOR APPARENT INABILITIES IN THE WORLD OF REALITY, SIRHAN TURNED TO STUDY OF OCCULT JOINING THE ROSICRUCIAN ORDER.

DIAMOND FURTHER TESTIFIED HE BELIEVED SIRHAN IN SELF-INDUCED TRANCE OR HYPNOTIC STATE WHEN ^{he} MADE NOTATION IN HIS NOTEBOOK AND SIRHAN HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF ENTRIES IN BOOK. DIAMOND PRODUCED WRITING DONE BY SIRHAN WHEN SIRHAN UNDER HYPNOSIS BY DIAMOND IN JAIL CELL AND CLAIMS SIRHAN HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF WRITING THIS MATERIAL. THIS AND NOTATIONS IN NOTEBOOK DESCRIBED AS AUTOMATIC WRITING BY DIAMOND.

AT MOMENT OF SHOOTING KENNEDY, DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT SIRHAN WAS IN A HIGHLY ABNORMAL PSYCHOTIC STATE, WAS IN A BLIND PRIMITIVE RAGE AND THAT IT WAS A REFLEX REACTION. FURTHER, HE DESCRIBED SIRHAN AS BEING IN A DISSOCIATED STATE, CONFUSED BY THE MIRRORS AND LIGHTS IN THE IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OF THE EMBASSY ROOM.

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IN QUESTIONING SIRHAN UNDER HYPNOSIS, DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT SIRHAN INDICATED THAT AT TIME HE DRANK COFFEE AT AMBASSADOR IS THE LAST CONSCIOUS THING SIRHAN CLAIMS TO REMEMBER, THAT HE WAS NOT THINKING OF SHOOTING KENNEDY AND THAT HE WAS NOT HATING KENNEDY. DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT SIRHAN WAS NOT COOPERATIVE WITH HIM AND LIED TO HIM CONCERNING ANY QUESTIONS INVOLVING HIS MENTAL STATUS. DIAMOND CLAIMS SIRHAN BELIEVES HE HAD THE POWER TO WILL THINGS THROUGH THOUGHT AND IS UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT HE WAS A FANATICAL MARTYR WHO HAS SAVED HIS PEOPLE AND IS WILLING TO DIE IN THE GAS CHAMBER. DIAMOND WILL RESUME STAND AGAIN TOMORROW FOR FURTHER DIRECT EXAMINATION.

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REMYTEL, MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST.

DR. BERNARD L. DIAMOND, M.D. RESUMED STAND TODAY.

DIRECT EXAMINATION LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES AND
CONSISTED OF REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND OF
DIAMOND. PROSECUTION REQUESTED RECESS TO STUDY TRANSCRIPT
OF DIAMOND'S TESTIMONY AS DIAMOND HAD NOT SUBMITTED REPORT
OF HIS EXAMINATION TO PROSECUTION. COURT RECESSED UNTIL
NINE THIRTY AM MARCH TWENTY SIX NEXT WHEN CROSS-EXAMINATION
OF DIAMOND WILL COMMENCE. PENDING.

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REMYTEL MARCH TWENTY-FIVE LAST.

DR. BERNARD L. ~~DIAMOND~~, M.D., UNDER ^{CROSS}~~CLOSE~~ EXAMINATION
BY PROSECUTION FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY. DEPUTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS ATTEMPTED TO HAVE DIAMOND
QUALIFY FOR PSYCHIATRIC OPINION OF SIRHAN THROUGH QUESTIONING
CONCERNING SIRHAN'S BACKGROUND, HIS VISIT TO AMBASSADOR HOTEL
ON JUNE TWO LAST, WRITINGS IN HIS NOTEBOOK, HIS ACTIONS IN
THE GUN RANGE ON JUNE FOUR LAST AND HIS ACTIVITIES AT THE
HOTEL ON NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR LAST. ^{CROSS}~~CLOSE~~ EXAMINATION CONCLUDED.
DEFENSE WILL BEGIN REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF DIAMOND AT COURT
SESSION TOMORROW.

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DOCTOR BERNARD L. DIAMOND, M. D., RESUMED STAND TODAY FOR REDIRECT EXAMINATION. DEFENSE THEN CALLED TWO PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO HAD BEEN RETAINED BY PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SEYMOUR POLLOCK, TO EVALUATE TEST RESULTS GIVEN BY PSYCHOLOGISTS DR. MARTIN SCHORR AND DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON. BOTH WITNESSES, DR. GEORGINE SEWARD AND DR. GEORGE DE VOS, CONCURRED WITH EVALUATION OF SCHORR AND RICHARDSON.

DEFENSE THEN READ INTO COURT RECORDS FOR BENEFIT OF JURY THE TRANSCRIPT OF AN OUTBURST BY SIRHAN IN THE JUDGE'S CHAMBERS ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE LAST. SIRHAN AT THIS TIME TOLD JUDGE THAT IF HIS NOTEBOOK WERE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE IN OPEN COURT THAT HE WOULD CHANGE PLEA TO GUILTY AND REQUEST DEATH PENALTY.

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WITH JURY ABSENT, PROSECUTION REQUESTED COURT PERMISSION TO SHOW FILM OF KENNEDY VICTORY SPEECH AT AMBASSADOR BALLROOM IN OPEN COURT. DEFENSE OBJECTED AND JUDGE DENIED PERMISSION ON BASIS THAT IT WAS IMMATERIAL TO THE CASE AND COULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE ~~INFLAMMATORY~~ ^{INFLAMMATORY}.

PROSECUTION WILL BEGIN REBUTTAL AT COURT SESSION TOMORROW.

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REMYTEL MARCH TWENTY SEVENTH LAST.

REGULAR JUROR LAWRENCE K. MORGAN BECAME ILL LAST NIGHT
AND WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. ALTERNATE JUROR MISS RUTH
STILLMAN ~~SENT AS~~ REPLACEMENT.

PROSECUTION BEGAN REBUTTAL AND DA'S INVESTIGATOR GEORGE
MURPHY AND LAPD OFFICERS ADOLPH MELENDRES AND FRANK J.
PATCHETT TESTIFIED THAT THEY HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH SIRHAN
EARLY MORNING OF JUNE FIFTH, SIXTY EIGHT AND DID NOT BELIEVE
THAT HE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR NARCOTICS.
LAURENCE W. SLOAN, FORMER LAPD HANDWRITING EXPERT, NOW EM-
PLOYED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
TESTIFIED TO COMPARISON OF WRITING IN SIRHAN'S NOTE BOOK
AGAINST "AUTOMATIC WRITING" MADE BY SIRHAN WHILE IN CUSTODY
AND UNDER HYPNOSIS BY DEFENSE PSYCHIATRIST DR. BERNARD L.
DIAMOND. SLOAN GAVE CONCLUSION THAT WRITING IN NOTE BOOK
NOT MADE WHILE SIRHAN WAS UNDER A STATE OF HYPNOSIS.

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PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SYMORE ~~POLLACK~~, M.D. BEGAN TESTIMONY RE HIS PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION OF SIRHAN. POLLACK NOT COMPLETED READING HIS REPORT WHEN COURT ADJOURNED.

CONCERNING THE FAMILY OF SIRHAN. SAIDALLAH, BROTHER OF SIRHAN WAS MOVED FROM ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, PASADENA, TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY IN WARD FIVE FOUR ZERO ZERO. SAIDALLAH WAS MOVED IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRES AND DUE TO DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY SHARIF THE OTHER BROTHER OF SIRHAN AT ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

ON EARLY MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, INSTANT, SHARIF ~~SIRHAN~~ WAS ARRESTED BY THE PASADENA PD IN THE INTENSIVE CARE WARD OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, PASADENA. HE WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND DISTURBING THE PEACE, DUE TO DISTURBANCE AT BEDSIDE OF HIS BROTHER SAIDALLAH AND HIS ATTEMPT TO STRIKE THE NURSE ON DUTY. PASADENA PD FILED DISTURBING THE PEACE COMPLAINT AGAINST SHARIF AND DROPPED ASSAULT CHARGE. SHARIF WILL BE ARRAIGNED ON APRIL THIRD AT TWO P.M., DEPARTMENT TWO, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. SHARIF WAS RELEASED ON BAIL.

THERE WILL BE NO COURT SESSION ON MONDAY MARCH THIRTY FIRST NEXT AND NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M.D., PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST, TESTIFIED ON REBUTTAL FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY. MORNING SESSION INTERRUPTED BY OUT BURST OF SIRHAN, WHO OBJECTED TO TESTIMONY OF POLLACK. SIRHAN WAS CALMED BY HIS ATTORNEYS AND ADMONISHED BY JUDGE RE ANY FURTHER OUT-BURSTS. DEFENSE ATTORNEY PARSONS APOLOGIZED TO COURT FOR BEHAVIOR OF SIRHAN.

POLLACK TESTIFIED THAT ON JUNE FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, SIRHAN HAD MENTAL CAPACITY TO HARBOR MALICE AND A FORETHOUGHT, TO MATURELY AND MEANINGFULLY HAVE INTENT TO KILL AND TO PREMEDITATE THE ACT OF KILLING SENATOR KENNEDY.

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POLLACK OF OPINION THAT IF SIRHAN IS SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA, IT IS RETROGRADE AMNESIA, WHICH WOULD NEVER HAVE DEVELOPED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AFTER THE ACT OF KILLING KENNEDY AND WOULD DEVELOP AS A DEFENSE AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACT. POLLACK WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY TOMORROW, APRIL TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE.

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DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M. D., PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST,
RESUMED STAND TODAY AS REBUTTAL WITNESS. PROSECUTION
CONCLUDED DIRECT EXAMINATION JUST BEFORE NOON RECESS AND
DEFENSE CROSS-EXAMINED POLLACK FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION
TODAY.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CENTERED ON POSSIBLE DISCREPANCY
IN TERMS USED BY POLLACK IN CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO DISTRICT
ATTORNEY AS OPPOSED TO HIS FINAL PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION
OF SIRHAN. POLLACK ALSO QUESTIONED AS TO WHY FURTHER
PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION NOT MADE OF SIRHAN. POLLACK
WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION ON FOUR
THREE NEXT.

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DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER CROSS EXAMINED FOR
ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST
DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M. D.

COOPER REPEATED QUESTIONING CONCERNING SEVERAL AREAS
BROUGHT OUT IN TESTIMONY ON FOUR TWO LAST, INCLUDING
SIRHAN'S WRITINGS, CONFIDENTIAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY POLLACK
ON FEBRUARY FIVE ^{LAST} ~~SIXTY-NINE~~, AND HIS FINAL EVALUATION OF
SIRHAN USED AS THE BASIS OF DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE.
POLLACK DID STATE THAT HE WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT BUT THAT HE TRIED NOT TO LET THIS FEELING
INTERFERE WITH HIS OBJECTIVITY IN HIS PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION
OF SIRHAN. POLLACK WILL CONTINUE UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION
ON FOUR FOUR NEXT. COURT SESSION TOMORROW WILL BE FOR ONLY
ONE HALF DAY.

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REMYTEL, APRIL THIRD LAST.

PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M.D.,
FINISHED TESTIMONY TODAY AS REBUTTAL WITNESS. NO FURTHER
WITNESSES CALLED AS NO AFTERNOON SESSION OF COURT SCHEDULED.
PROSECUTION ATTORNEY ADVISED INTENDED TO CALL ONE MORE
REBUTTAL WITNESS AND DEFENSE ATTORNEY ADVISED OF INTENTION TO
CALL ONE SIR REBUTTAL WITNESS. CASE RECESSED UNTIL APRIL
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REMYTEL APRIL FOUR LAST.

PROSECUTION REBUTTAL WITNESS DR. LEONARD OLINGER,
INSTRUCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA, TESTIFIED FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY.

OLINGER TESTIFIED IN GENERAL CONCERNING PSYCHOLOGICAL
TESTING AND THEN TESTIFIED SPECIFICALLY AS TO THE CONCLUSIONS
REACHED BY DR. MARTIN SCHORR AND DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON
WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED FOR THE DEFENSE.

OLINGER WAS CRITICAL OF SEVERAL OF THE CONCLUSIONS
OF SCHORR AND RICHARDSON AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT HIS
EVALUATION OF THEIR RESULTS WOULD INDICATE THAT SIRHAN

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TO CONSUMMATE THE ACT HE COMMITTED IN KILLING KENNEDY.

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REMYTEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE RESTED THEIR CASES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY. REMAINDER OF ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF REVIEW ON PART OF DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION OF ITEMS OF EVIDENCE ENTERED DURING TRIAL.

OPENING ARGUMENTS TO JURY WILL COMMENCE APRIL NINE NEXT WITH DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITZ LEADING OFF FOR PROSECUTION. THREE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL ALSO BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALLY PRESENT ARGUMENTS TO JURY.

PROSECUTION STILL INTENDS TO REQUEST DEATH PENALTY FOR SIRHAN IF JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

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REMYTEL, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY CONSISTED
OF CLOSING ARGUMENTS TO JURY BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DAVID FITTS. ENTIRE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS DEVOTED TO FITTS'
PRESENTATION.

ON APRIL TEN NEXT DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER WILL
LEAD OFF IN BEHALF OF DEFENSE WITH CLOSING ARGUMENT TO JURY
IN BEHALF OF SIRHAN.

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DEFENSE ATTORNEY RUSSELL PARSONS LED OFF DEFENSE
ATTORNEY'S CLOSING ARGUMENTS OF SIRHAN'S FAMILY LIFE
PRIOR TO COMING TO UNITED STATES.

PARSONS FOLLOWED BY EMILE ZOLA BERMAN, ANOTHER DEFENSE
ATTORNEY, WHO PRESENTED TO THE JURY ACTIVITIES OF SIRHAN
SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES. BERMAN ALSO
EMPHASIZED THE DETERIORATING MENTAL CONDITION OF SIRHAN.

REMAINDER OF COURT SESSION TODAY CONSUMED BY DEFENSE
ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER WHO EXPLAINED LAWS OF MURDER TO
JURY. COOPER INDICATED THAT DEFENSE WAS NOT SEEKING A

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VERDICT OF LESS THAN MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE AND
EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT SIRHAN DUE TO MENTAL
CONDITION SHOULD BE INCARCERATED FOR LIFE. COOPER WILL
CONTINUE WITH ARGUMENTS TO THE JURY ON APRIL ELEVEN NEXT.

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REMYTL APRIL TEN LAST AND APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY
CONSISTED OF PRESENTATION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER
SUMMING UP IN BEHALF OF DEFENSE AND REQUESTING JURY TO
RETURN VERDICT OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

AT CONCLUSION OF COOPER'S PRESENTATION, CHIEF DEPUTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON PRESENTED BRIEF FINAL
ARGUMENT IN BEHALF OF PROSECUTION. CONCLUSION OF FINAL
ARGUMENT IN BEHALF OF PROSECUTION WILL BE COMPLETED APRIL
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~~REMYTEL~~ APRIL ELEVEN LAST. ALTERNATE JUROR, GEORGE
STITZEL SELECTED THIS MORNING TO REPLACE REGULAR JUROR
RELEASED BECAUSE OF DEATH IN FAMILY.

Ronald G. Evans

CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON, COMPLETED
ARGUMENTS TO JURY FOR PROSECUTION.

JUDGE READ INSTRUCTIONS TO JURY AND CASE SENT TO
JURY FOR DELIBERATION AT THREE P.M. TODAY.

UACB NO FURTHER TELETYPES REGARDING COURT PROCEEDINGS
WILL BE SENT UNTIL JURY RETURNS A VERDICT.

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REMYTEL APRIL FOURTEEN LAST.

JURY DID NOT REACH VERDICT AS OF CLOSE OF COURT
TODAY. DURING COURSE OF AFTERNOON, JURY RETURNED TO
COURTROOM FOR CLARIFICATION OF JUDGE'S INSTRUCTIONS
ON SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

JURY WILL CONTINUE DELIBERATION APRIL SEVENTEEN
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REMYTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

DEFENSE AT AFTERNOON COURT SESSION, WITH JURY
EXCLUDED, PRESENTED THREE MOTIONS FOR OFFERS OF PROOF
FOR PENALTY TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL TWENTY ONE NEXT.

FIRST OFFER OF PROOF WAS TO PRODUCE EXPERTS ON
ARAB DASH ISRAELI SITUATION IN ISRAEL FROM TIME SIRHAN
WAS FOUR YEARS OF AGE TO TIME SIRHAN'S FAMILY CAME TO
THE UNITED STATES.

SECOND WAS TO CALL LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY
EVELLE J. YOUNGER TO TESTIFY TO PREVIOUS AGREEMENT, MADE
IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS THAT PROSECUTION WAS SATISFIED WITH
TERM OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT IF SIRHAN PLEADED GUILTY
TO MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

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THIRD OFFER OF PROOF WAS TO PRODUCE CLINTON DUFFY,
FORMER WARDEN OF SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY TO TESTIFY THAT
DEATH PENALTY WAS NOT A DETERRENT TO CRIME.

PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ESTIMATED THAT PENALTY
TRIAL SHOULD BE CONCLUDED IN ONE DAY BUT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT
EXCEED ONE AND ONE HALF DAYS. COURT RECESSED UNTIL APRIL
TWENTY ONE NEXT. NO TELETYPE WILL BE SENT APRIL EIGHTEEN
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REMYTEL APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

JURY AT TEN FORTY SEVEN AM TODAY RETURNED VERDICT ON
COUNT ONE OF GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE. ON REMAINDER
OF FIVE COUNTS SIRHAN FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT WITH DANGEROUS
WEAPON WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER.

PENALTY TRIAL TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE DEATH SENTENCE WILL
BEGIN MONDAY APRIL TWENTY ONE NEXT.

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 REMYTEL APRIL SEVENTH LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY. DEPUTY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN HOWARD PRESENTED ARGUMENTS TO JURY IN BEHALF OF PROSECUTION WITH RESPECT TO PENALTY PHASE OF THIS TRIAL. IN PRESENTATION HOWARD REMINDED JURY THEY FOUND SIRHAN "GUILTY OF WILLFUL DELIBERATE MURDER" AND FURTHER CHARACTERIZED HIS ACT AS A "POLITICAL ASSASSINATION". WHILE PROSECUTION DID NOT SPECIFICALLY DEMAND DEATH PENALTY, HOWARD ADVISED JURY THAT LIFE SENTENCE WOULD PERMIT SIRHAN TO CONSIDER HIS ACTIONS A FURTHER TRIUMPH.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS RUSSELL PARSONS AND GRANT COOPER THEN ADDRESSED JURY BOTH PLEADING FOR VERDICT OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

JURY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDING JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER AT ELEVEN FIFTY A.M. TODAY AND RETIRED TO

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DELIBERATE. AT FOUR P.M. UNABLE TO REACH VERDICT AND
FURTHER PROCEEDINGS RECESSED UNTIL NINE THIRTY A.M.
APRIL TWENTY SECOND NEXT.

LOS ANGELES WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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RE MY TEL APRIL TWENTY-ONE LAST.

JURY FAILED TO REACH VERDICT RE LIFE IMPRISONMENT OR
DEATH BY END OF COURT SESSION THIS DATE. JURY WILL RE-
CONVENE AT EIGHT A.M. APRIL TWENTY-THIRD NEXT TO FURTHER
CONSIDER VERDICT.

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REMYTEL APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST.

JURY IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, TODAY RETURNED DEATH VERDICT FOR
SIRHAN.

FURTHER ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE MAY FOURTEEN NEXT,
AT WHICH TIME MOTIONS FOR NEW TRIAL WILL BE MADE AND SENTENCES
WILL BE IMPOSED BY COURT *Concerning five additional counts*
of the indictment.

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REMYTEL APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST.

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ATTORNEYS FOR SIRHAN APPEARED BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT
JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER TODAY AND REQUESTED CONTINUANCE UNTIL
MAY TWENTY ONE NEXT. REQUEST WAS GRANTED AT WHICH TIME
SENTENCING OF SIRHAN WILL TAKE PLACE.

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DEFENSE ATTORNEY *X* GRANT C. COOPER *X* PRESENTED ARGUMENTS TODAY IN DEPARTMENT ONE ZERO SEVEN, ^{LA}LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, BEFORE JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER FOR MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL FOR SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL BASED ON THIRTEEN POINTS OF ALLEGED COURT ERRORS IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN. COOPER ARGUED ON TWO POINTS TODAY AS REMAINDER OF POINTS WERE PREVIOUSLY ARGUED PRIOR TO AND DURING TRIAL. ARGUMENTS TODAY CONCERNED RECEIVING IN EVIDENCE NOTEBOOKS AND PAPERS OF SIRHAN'S. DEFENSE CONTENDED NOTEBOOKS WERE ILLEGALLY SEIZED. SECOND ARGUMENT CONCERNED CONTENTMENT BY DEFENSE THAT PROSECUTION CLAIMED IT WOULD NOT RECOMMEND DEATH PENALTY TO JURY IF SIRHAND CONVICTED OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE BUT IMPLIED⁰ RECOMMENDED IN ARGUMENTS TO JURY. MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED BY JUDGE ON ALL THIRTEEN POINTS SPECIFIED BY DEFENSE.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN AND FRED OKRAND OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION JOINED DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S ARGUMENT FOR HEARING FOR CONSTITUTIONALITY OF DEATH PENALTY. REQUEST FOR HEARING DENIED BY JUDGE.

PRIOR TO ARGUMENTS RE MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL, ^{LA}LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY EVELLE J. YOUNGER PRESENTED A LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY REQUESTING CLEMENCY FOR SIRHAN.

AFTER MOTION DENIED JUDGE FORMERLY SENTENCED SIRHAN TO DEATH AND ORDERED HIM REMANDED TO SAN ^{QUENTIN}QUINTON PRISON WITHIN TEN DAYS. THE JUDGE PRONOUNCED THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE JURY WERE CORRECT IN THIS CASE. SIRHAN WAS ALSO SENTENCED TO THE TERM PRESCRIBED BY LAW ON EACH OF THE FIVE COUNTS OF ASSAULT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE WOUNDED AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL ON THE NIGHT THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SHOT.

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